

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 99-113

APRIL 14, 1999

LUBEC WATER AND ELECTRIC DISTRICT
Proposed Revision to Terms & Conditions
and Request for Exemption from Chapter 86, § 7.B

ORDER APPROVING
TERMS & CONDITIONS;
AND EXEMPTION FROM
CH.86 §7.B

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF ORDER

The Commission approves the Lubec Water and Electric District (District) Terms and Conditions and grants the requested exemption (from Chapter 86, § 7.B) to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

BACKGROUND

The Lubec Water and Electric District filed, on February 22, 1999, proposed Terms and Conditions. The Schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Pages 1 through 10, was proposed to become effective on March 24, 1999.

Commission Staff reviewed the proposed changes along with the existing terms and conditions and suggested that the District update all of its Terms and Conditions. On March 26, 1999, the District filed a new schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Sheets 1 through 7 - all First Revision, proposed to become effective July 1, 1999.

Because the Commission did not have sufficient time to investigate this matter before the March 24, 1999 effective date of the first filing, the operation of the proposed rate schedules was suspended, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 310, for a period of three months from and including March 24, 1999, unless otherwise ordered.

The District requested the exemption from Section 7.B of Chapter 86 to permit the District to collect a \$10 collection trip fee from non-residential customers as well as residential customers. We agree that the collection fees for residential and non-residential customers should be equal and will grant the requested exemption.

We have reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions and will allow them to become effective on July 1, 1999.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Lubec Water and Electric District Schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Pages 1 through 7 - all First Revision, filed on March 26, 1999, will become effective on July 1, 1999;
2. That the Lubec Water and Electric District is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86, § 7.B so that it may charge non-residential customers a \$10 collection trip fee; and
3. That the Lubec Water and Electric District Schedule of Terms and Conditions consisting of Pages 1 through 10, filed on February 22, 1999, was withdrawn by the District's March 26, 1999 filing and shall not become effective.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 14th Day of April 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Ray Robichaud
Assistant Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Nugent
 Diamond

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Welch